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TO: Members, Wisconsin State Legislature

FROM: Matt Sande, Director of Legislation

RE: Support for LRB 1905/2 & 2143/2– Prohibiting the sale and use of aborted human fetal body parts

Pro-Life Wisconsin strongly encourages you to sign on as a co-sponsor to legislation currently under circulation that would prohibit the sale and use of human fetal body parts. Fetal body part is defined to mean a cell, tissue, organ, or other part of an unborn child who is aborted by an induced abortion. The legislation bans persons from knowingly and for valuable consideration acquiring, receiving, or transferring a fetal body part. It also bans persons from knowingly providing, receiving, or using for experimentation a fetal body part.

There is documented evidence of the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison conducting research on human fetal brain and pancreatic tissue. A 2000 fetal brain cell study conducted by Su-Chun Zhang of the UW-Madison Department of Medical Sciences used immature neural cells from fetal human brain tissue of 15-20 gestation weeks “after elective termination of intrauterine pregnancies” to study neurological disorders including multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease. The study acknowledged Dr. Dennis Christenson, a former Madison abortionist, for his “assistance in this project.”

A 1999 fetal pancreatic tissue study conducted by D.A. MacKenzie, H.W. Sollinger, and D A. Hullet of the UW-Madison Department of Surgery studied human fetal pancreases (HFP) as a potential source of transplantable islets for the treatment of advanced Type 1 diabetes. Human fetal pancreases between 13-20 weeks gestation were obtained “with informed maternal consent following elective abortions at local clinics.”

Concerning the abandoned 2009 UW Hospital & Clinics/ UW Medical Foundation / Meriter Hospital late-term abortion plan at the Madison Surgery Center, UW Hospital spokeswoman Lisa Brunette initially told the press that tissue from the abortions could be used by UW-Madison researchers but only after review by a faculty committee. Although the UW backed off that statement and insists that no such aborted fetal tissue research is currently being conducted, **the UW Madison’s history of such grisly research demands statutory safeguards.**

Federal law prohibits the interstate trafficking of human fetal body parts. Wisconsin’s intrastate commercial activity must have a similar prohibition so that we can guarantee the highest ethical standards of academic research and medical care in our state.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. The deadline for co-sponsorship of LRB 1905/2 and 2143/2 (Jacque/Grothman) is Wednesday, June 15. If you have any questions, please call Matt Sande at (262) 352-0890.